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Mr. Douglas M. Charles
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Dear Mr. Charles:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Kopfer".

MICHELLE M. KOPFER
Mandatory Review Staff

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 11, 1953

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

As of possible interest to you, there is attached a summary of information contained in our files relating to Carmel Offie. I understand that Offie is seeking a position in the Federal Government and that certain Senators, the identities of whom are unknown, have made inquiries concerning him.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "J. Edgar Hoover".

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[Bernard M. Shanley
Special counsel to Pres.]

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CARMEL OFFIE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Carmel Offie was born September 22, 1909, at Sharon, Pennsylvania. He attended Sharon and Portage public schools and was graduated from Cambria-Rowe Business College, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. During 1930 and part of 1931, he was employed as a senior stenographer by the Interstate Commerce Commission. From October, 1931, until August, 1948, Offie was employed by the State Department serving in Honduras, Moscow, Paris, Washington, D. C., Africa, Italy and Germany. From October 15, 1948, until April 26, 1950, he was employed by the Office of Policy Coordination, Central Intelligence Agency. Since 1950, he has been employed by the International Free Trade Union Committee, American Federation of Labor. His office is located at 1625 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is single and resides at 3105 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. In 1948, Offie stated he had a brother, Captain Samuel Offie, serving in the United States Army Transportation Corps, and a sister, Miss Theresa Offie, whose address was c/o American Embassy, Paris, France.

PERVERT ALLEGATIONS:

Records of the Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department reflect Carmel Offie was arrested on September 8, 1943, charged with disorderly conduct and investigation as a pervert. Offie posted \$25.00 collateral on this charge, which was forfeited. In 1948, Offie, when making application for employment with a Government agency, failed to admit any previous arrest. He was thereafter employed by the agency.

On April 25, 1950, Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, speaking before the United States Senate, remarked "CIA has a \$12,000 per year employee who has been convicted of homosexuality charges." In connection with the above, a reliable source subsequently stated that Offie was the individual whom Senator Wherry referred to. A reliable source of information stated that Offie's resignation was immediately requested by CIA on instructions from the White House due to the remarks of Senator Wherry.

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A reliable informant advised that in July, 1948, he received information that Offie was a homosexual and has participated in sexual activities with two individuals.

INVESTIGATION BY FBI:

During 1950 and 1951, this Bureau conducted an investigation concerning Offie relative to a possible violation of the Fraud Against the Government Statute. Offie, when executing his application for employment with the Central Intelligence Agency, omitted a previous arrest on a disorderly conduct, investigation as pervert charge. At the time of the investigation, Offie had terminated his employment with the Central Intelligence Agency and was then employed by the Free Trade Union Committee, American Federation of Labor. The facts developed during this investigation were submitted to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for an opinion as to prosecutive action on March 21, 1951. On June 21, 1951, the Department of Justice advised that prosecution would be declined inasmuch as Offie was no longer employed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

CONTACTS IN GOVERNMENT:

Offie is reported to have the following friends and contacts in Government service:

Maynard B. Barnes, career officer who served as Minister to Bulgaria in 1944. Barnes served as First Secretary at the American Embassy, Paris, France, from 1938 to 1941. He has stayed at the home of Offie in Washington, D. C.

Colonel Anthony J. D. Biddle, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Offie listed Biddle as a social reference in applying for a position with a Government agency. During 1953, it was alleged that Mr. Biddle's first wife was reported to have given Offie an unspecified amount of money, believed to be about \$10,000. The purpose of the payment was not stated.

Charles E. Bohlen, career diplomat of the State Department who has served as Political Advisor to the United States Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations and other important posts.

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William C. Bullitt, United States Ambassador to Russia from 1933 to 1936, and United States Ambassador to France from 1936 to 1941. During 1950, Offie stated he was the recipient of a substantial monetary gift from Bullitt. A reliable source of information advised that he understood the payments by Bullitt to Offie were similar to payments bestowed upon mistresses.

James C. Dunn, State Department official.

Elbridge Durbrow, Chief, Foreign Service Personnel, State Department.

Loy W. Henderson, Ambassador to India and Minister to Nepal since 1948. Henderson also served in the United States Embassy in Moscow from 1934 to 1938.

Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and presently head of the Brooklyn Navy Ship Yards, Brooklyn, New York. Offie listed Hillenkoetter as a character reference when applying for a position with a Government agency.

Robert P. Joyce, who, in December, 1948, was a member of the Policy Planning Staff, Department of State.

Joseph F. Kennan, Ambassador to Russia.

Alexander Comstock Kirk, Ambassador to Italy from December, 1944, to October, 1946. During 1950, a reliable source of information stated that rumors in Washington, D. C., indicated that Offie received funds from Kirk as well as William C. Bullitt.

Robert D. Murphy, who, during 1949, was Acting Director, Office of German and Austrian Affairs, Department of State.

Lee Murray, cryptographic officer, American Embassy, Paris, France.

Major General Daniel Noce, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Offie listed Major General Noce as a character reference in his application for employment with a Government agency.

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Hector C. Prudhomme, who, during January, 1951, was Director of German Economic Affairs, State Department.

Major General Miller G. White, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Offie listed White as a social reference in applying for a position with a Government agency.

John Cooper Wiley, United States Ambassador to Iran since 1948. Mr. Wiley also served at the United States Embassy in Moscow during 1934.

Offie has a private office and telephone in office space rented by the law firm of Cummings, Stanley, Truitt and Cross, attorneys, 1625 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The former Attorney General Homer Cummings and Max O. Truitt, son-in-law of former Vice-President Alben Barkley, are the more prominent members of this firm. It was reliably reported during August, 1952, that Offie had frequent contact with Max Truitt.

The December 8, 1952, issue of the Washington, D. C., "Evening Star" newspaper carried a news comment that the Douglas MacArthur II family had returned to Washington, D. C., and were spending a few days with Carmel Offie, who was residing at the home of William C. Bullitt.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT
EMPLOYMENT OF OFFIE:

The Westbrook Pegler column, published in the Washington, D. C., "Times-Herald" newspaper of December 30, 1952, referred to Offie as a "mysterious character." The column stated that Offie was then employed by Jay Lovestone, a "Communist of the deepest dye, but an opponent of the Kremlin."

In his column published in the Washington, D. C., "Times-Herald" newspaper on January 28 and 29, 1953, Pegler set out the results of a personal interview with Offie. Pegler, in addition to relating the arrest of Offie on a charge of homosexuality, stated among other things that Offie became affiliated with the American Federation of Labor as an advisor to Jay Lovestone in May, 1950. The article stated, "Lovestone is as red as Stalin himself but a rival of Stalin and he has not recanted down to this very hour." The articles related the

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use of the American Federation of Labor to combat communism in the labor unions of foreign countries and indicated that funds for this purpose were made available to the Free Trade Union Committee through the State Department or the Central Intelligence Agency.

Relative to Jay Lovestone, who presently employs Offie, his official title is reported to be Executive Secretary of the Free Trade Union Committee of the American Federation of Labor with offices in New York City. He was born as Jacob Liebstein in Malchad, Poland, or Gradna, Russia, December 15, 1897. He arrived in the United States in 1907 and was naturalized in 1919. Reliable sources have advised that Lovestone helped form the Communist Party in America in 1919, and in 1927 was Secretary General of the Communist Party. In 1929, he was expelled from the Communist Party of America and formed an opposition party which continued until 1940. However, reliable sources have advised that Lovestone was active in the OGPU (Russian Intelligence Service) as late as 1935. During 1939, Lovestone testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that one of his main differences with the Communist Party was that he felt that each country should have its own Communist Party not subject to the Communist Party of Russia. In 1940, he was alleged to advocate replacement of the capitalistic system in the United States by a Socialist order through the organized labor movement.

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
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My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 11, 1953, which transmitted to you a summary of information from FBI files pertaining to Carmel Offie. You will recall that, at that time, I advised you that Offie was reportedly seeking a position in the Federal Government and that certain Senators, the identities of whom are unknown, had made inquiries concerning him.

I am transmitting herewith a supplementary memorandum containing information received since February 11, 1953, regarding Offie.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

/S/ J. Edgar Hoover

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It has been reliably reported by another Government agency, which conducts intelligence investigations, that Offie made an improper advance to an investigator of that agency on October 15, 1949.

On that date the investigator interviewed Offie in Offie's Office at the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C., regarding an official matter. During the conversation, Offie made some lewd remarks. Following the conversation, according to the investigator, Offie asked the investigator where he had been assigned during his military career. The investigator advised Offie that he had served in the Pacific and China Theaters. Offie asked the investigator to point out on a wall map the location of Guadalcanal and, while doing this, the investigator claims Offie made improper advances to him.

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